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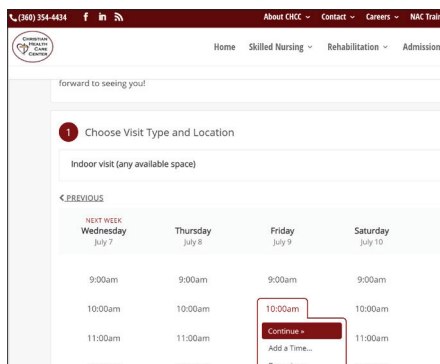
COVID-19

Online scheduling, Green Pass program aim to simplify visits

In the past two weeks, CHCC has launched two new efforts to simplify the visitation process.

The new online scheduling platform allows friends and family of those living here at Christian Health Care Center to go online 24/7 to schedule visits and outings. The system automatically adjusts for busy times, helping ease the flow of visits and lowering the workload of the therapeutic recreation team members who are managing the visit schedule.

Community members can go to <https://chcclynden.org/visitation/> to learn about options for visiting loved ones and to begin the online scheduling process. Once people pick a date and time for a visit, a CHCC staff member confirms the visit via email. An online calendar keeps track of all visits — indoor visits, outdoor vis-



The new online scheduling platform, as shown in this screenshot from the website, allows community members to select their own dates and times.

its, outings, video visits and more — in one easy-to-read format.

Another recent addition to operations here at CHCC is the new Green Pass program, which allows frequent visitors who are fully vaccinated to apply for a special

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RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Getting to know Merle B.

Have you lived in other places besides Lynden?

Oh, sure. I started out as a kid in South Dakota, then we moved to Spokane. I loved Spokane; it was just my town. Then we moved to Bellingham and now I'm here.

What industry did you retire from?

I was an electrician in Bellingham and worked for different contractors.

What was your favorite thing about the work you did?

Well, I can't say it was fun, so I don't really have a favorite thing. I had to crawl under houses and in attics, but being an electrician was a good thing because the union was a good one to be a part of.

If you could have any type of food, what would it be?

Boy, that's a tough choice. I like

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NEW HIRES

Welcome to CHCC!



Megan - dietary aide



Rebekah - hospitality aide



Jacob - hospitality aide

Megan, Rebekah and Jacob have recently joined our team in the dietary and hospitality depart-

ments. Please make sure that they feel welcomed to CHCC, and please take the time to help them out, if

needed, as they get up to speed on how things operate.

We are thrilled to have them!



**JULY 9:
WEAR TIE
DYE TO
WORK**



REFRESH! All lotions and potions must be kept labeled, locked and out of sight

All lotions and potions must be labeled and kept in a closed bin out of sight. Store them in a plastic container with a lid, and place the plastic container inside the bedside dresser or inside the resident's wardrobe. We may allow residents to keep the plastic bins (with lid secured) in their bathroom as long as the bin is labeled with their name and they do not have a roommate who will be at risk. The bin and all lotions and potions must be labeled with the resident's name.

Thank you
to our nursing assistants.

*Your
care
makes a
difference.*



KUDOS

Shonie & Mary are Shining Stars!

CHCC's nursing Shining Star for May was Shonie M. Shonie has been an NAC here for 17 years, working primarily the day shift on Baker, though she also covers the evening shift if needed.

Shonie is the epitome of a caregiver. She makes every person she cares for feel like they are the most important person in the world. Shonie is compassionate and skilled. We are fortunate to have her on our team.



by Tonja Myers
Administrator

Our non-nursing Shining Star is Mary Faber Wynstra. Mary has worked at CHCC for 30 years, having just celebrated her anniversary July 1. She spent many years in the therapeutic recreation department and has also worked in staff development and central supply. Mary also managed the adult day health program for the three years it was in operation.

Mary now serves as our training and development coordinator. She has been instrumental in improving our orientation process, implementing our NAC mentor program, and decreasing staff injuries, especially among new NAC staff members.

Mary also is CHCC's corporate compliance officer and safety coordinator. Mary is a person who will do whatever she is asked and do it well. We are incredibly fortunate to have her on the CHCC team.

Please join me in expressing gratitude and congratulations to these two remarkable women. Congratulations and thank you to Shonie and Mary!



Shonie



Mary



"It just brings tears to my eyes." That's is what one of our memory care residents said as she was looking at the cute two-day old calf Whatcom County Dairy Women recently brought to CHCC. Huge THANKS to these ladies for bringing so much joy to the lives of our residents. For more photos, visit <https://www.facebook.com/christianhealthcare/>.

VISITATION

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pass that enables them to bypass the scheduling system and to avoid having to share vaccination status at each visit in order to have mask-free visits with loved ones.

Green Pass holders still must abide by the other rules and regulations in place for visits,

including being screened for COVID-19 at entry and keeping distant from staff and others at CHCC during the visit.

For more information on the Green Pass program, see the July 1 COVID-19 Q&A distributed to CHCC team members.



Green Pass holders will wear badges that look like this while they are at CHCC. These passes must be returned at the end of each visit. Only three passes are available per resident.

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pancakes and waffles and little pigs. That's what I call sausages. We get all that here, it's good.

What is one thing that you have been most proud of in your life?

Being a soldier in World War II. It took us 21 days, but we went across the Pacific to the Philippine Islands. I was about as young as you could be, too; I was just out of high school.

I served about 18 months, and I was proud to have served.

What is one thing you did or experienced that was scary?

Once I was checking on factories in Japan where they make ammunition. My lieutenant and I started walking toward one and all of a sudden three German Shepherd dogs came rushing out at us with some soldiers. That was scary, but they ended up letting us in to do our job.

What was your favorite decade to live in, and why?

My favorite time of life to live in was when I got married. I met this girl named Margaret who was introduced to me by some guys I worked with at the union printing company. She was a horsewoman; she grew up on a ranch. She was a loner and I was a loner, so two loners got together.

Her dad gave us 20 acres of his ranch on Lummi Island in exchange for helping to take care of



Merle B.

the property. That's where I built our house. That time of life tied me down and gave me something to work for.

What is one life lesson that you learned from your parents?

They taught me to always be kind and generous. That always paid off in my work because I was always kind to the people I worked for and not everyone was.

What is one piece of advice that you would give a 16-year-old person?

My advice would be to go on to college, if you can afford it, because the more education you get, the better your chances are of getting a job later.

What is one thing most people don't know about you, but you wish they did?

Most people don't know that I am left-handed. I also had two

sisters. I used to hunt and fish, and I called bingo for 27 years.

You've lived through other historical events — wars and recessions and such. What do you think of the pandemic that we're living through now?

Oh, it's a real dirty shame. I guess eventually we'll work our way out of it, hopefully. The people working here do their best to get us through things and help us to enjoy things.

What do you like about living at CHCC?

I like the breakfast here. I like the trip we took on that double bicycle!

The helpers here are also very kind and patient with me, even if I am not always very cooperative. This old man enjoys being around all these young people. They kind of bring me to life and get me going.

REFRESH! Do you know what a "Code 10" is and what to do when you hear one?

A "Code 10" announcement is initiated by a licensed nurse when a resident is missing. If you hear a Code 10 announcement, stop what you are doing and begin searching for the resident in your immediate area. Report to a nurses' station after you have searched your area.